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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

The following four documents were cited in an Official Letter recently issued by the German Patent Office in connection with a corresponding foreign application. A copy of the Official Letter is enclosed. An English-language translation of the Official Letter is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

German Offenlegungsschrift No. 38 33 473. U.S. Patent No. 5,000,520 corresponds to this document. A copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,000,520 was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 27, 2001.

German Patentschrift No. 38 14 045. A copy of corresponding U.S. Patent No. 4,950,038 is also enclosed.

German Offenlegungsschrift No. 195 48 248. A copy of corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,158,825 is also enclosed.

German Patentschrift No. 44 07 923. Copies of corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,445,441 and U.S. Patent No. 5,498,070 are also enclosed.

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To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents are enclosed.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

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